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**FREE INCOME TAX AND E-FILING OFFERED BY OFFICE OF BOE CHAIR  
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John Chiang, Chair of the State Board of Equalization, announced that his Los Angeles office will for the fifth straight year provide free federal and state income tax preparation through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Trained members of Chiang's staff are on hand to provide free tax preparation assistance to eligible taxpayers and to file claims for the Earned Income Tax Credit and Home and Renter Assistance program.

"This year, the EITC provides as much as \$4400 for qualifying married couples with children," said Chiang. "These are difficult times for low-income families, and an EITC refund helps recipients to cover the costs of rent, clothes, food, and utilities. I strongly urge those who believe they are eligible for EITC to contact my office for help."

Chiang noted that taxpayers can file their returns electronically through his office without paying burdensome tax preparation fees. He added that individuals who file electronically generally receive their refunds in half the time of those who file paper returns.

VITA appointments are available from February 6, 2006 through April 15, 2006, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Chiang's office, 660 S. Figueroa, Suite 2050, Los Angeles, CA. To schedule an appointment please call (213) 239-8506.

It is important that taxpayers bring all of their tax records, including a Form W-2 wage and earning statement from all employers; Form 1099s for interest, dividends, and non-employee compensation; a copy of last year's Federal and State returns, if available; and other relevant information regarding income and expenses. Taxpayers should also have all the required Social Security numbers for their dependents, any amounts paid for day care, and their bank routing numbers for direct deposit of their expected refund.

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